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POLLUTION REPORT

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SUBJECT: FISHER-CALO CYLINDER SITE (NPL) - KINGSBURY, INDIANA
POLREP #1

DATE: November 18, 1991 (Removal Start Date - Fund Lead)

SITE ID #: NB

ERCS D.O. # 7460-05-203

SITUATION:

The Fisher-Calo Cylinder site is located within the boundaries of the Fisher-Calo Superfund site on Second Road in the Kingsbury Industrial Park in Kingsbury, LaPorte County, Indiana. The Fisher-Calo Cylinder site consists of 245 compressed gas cylinders located in Building 1 of the Second Road area. The cylinders contain hazardous substances including sulfur dioxide, chlorine, methyl chloride, hydrogen chloride, and ammonia. The cylinders are in severely deteriorated condition and were stored in an unsecured and dangerous manner.

The Fisher-Calo Chemical & Solvents Corporation began operations at the Kingsbury Industrial Park in 1970 as Midwest Chlorine Corporation. In 1972 Midwest Chlorine, owned by Mr. David Fisher, added Midwest Ammonia and Fisher-Calo Chemical & Solvents Corporation to their operations. Fisher-Calo filed for bankruptcy in 1984 and in 1985 Cardinal Chemical was formed and purchased the compressed gas division of Fisher-Calo. Cardinal Chemical is currently operating on the First Road part of the Fisher-Calo site. Cardinal Chemical claims to have not purchased the 245 deteriorated cylinders.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

PHASE I Cylinder Inventory (11/18/91 - 11/23/91)

- A cylinder expert was subcontracted to gather information necessary to prepare a cylinder inventory report. The report will be based on a visual inspection, gas sampling, and pressure testing.
- The inventory report will be prepared by the cylinder expert and will contain information including cylinder contents, manufacturer and owner of the cylinders, as well as cylinder markings and condition of the cylinder. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of

the owners will be provided wherever possible.
-The site was secured until Phase II activities begin.

FUTURE ACTIONS:

- Cylinder owners identified in the inventory report will be contacted to discuss removal of the cylinders from the site.
- Any unclaimed cylinders will be either treated on-site or shipped off-site for disposal.

COST SUMMARY:

ERCS CEILING.....	\$50,000
ERCS ESTIMATED CTD 11/23/91.....	\$25,000
TAT CEILING.....	\$40,000
TAT ESTIMATED CTD 11/23/91.....	\$ 5,000